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1. A convention of the National Democratic Party of Germany (Nationaldemokratische Partei) (NDP) had been scheduled for a year to be held on 15 - 18 October 1953 in Leipzig. The preparations for this convention were halted almost immediately after the West German elections upon consultation with Vladimir Semenov, the Russian High Commissioner for Germany.
2. The NDP leadership had ordered a host of party functionaries to collaborate with historians from the University of Jena in working out the historical guide lines for the convention. The convention was to take place on the one hundred fortieth anniversary of the Battle of the Nations at Leipzig. This date was to serve to promote Russo-German collaboration for the freedom of Germany from foreign intruders. Napoleon was to be compared with the European intruder of today, the United States. Since a liberation of Europe followed the battle of Leipzig, which benefited Prussia and Russia, a similar liberation from the United States was necessary today. A campaign for Russo-German collaboration, whose goal would be the liberation of Europe from the "foreigners to Europe" was to be made employing studies, discussions, appeals and proclamations.
3. A large number of studies, presentations, and "white books" were on hand, a large part of which were already printed. The order given a year ago by the NDP leadership, was cancelled for the time being because of the events of 17 June and the federal elections.
4. Dr. Lothar Bolz, Chairman of the NDP, Vincoens Mueller, First Deputy Chairman, and Heinrich Hornum, Deputy Chairman, had a talk with Semenov recently, which concerned the convention. The party leadership was going to hold the convention with "Russo-German Friendship against intervention in Europe" as the slogan. The Russian High Commissioner informed them that such a propaganda action was not rewarding. He referred to the fiasco of the Wirth mission, the result of which revealed that the German people were less ready than ever to continue their historic connection with the East. The Battle of Leipzig, which seemed to Semenov a year previously to be useful political propaganda, had lost its appeal to him now. The parallel of the United States and Napoleon was valid then, when it appeared that a common front of the West was unalterable. Today it was more important to pay more attention to those events which increased France's dissatisfaction with United States leadership. A propaganda action aimed at West Germany on the theme of Russo-German collaboration was no longer

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to be expected from the Russian side at the present time, since all previous attempts of this kind had failed.

5. When the convention is held in Leipzig, as has long been planned, it should in no case keep its original demonstrative character. Serenov indicated he would relay the final Russian opinion on the matter in the near future. The convention, if it should be held at all, should reflect the new German policy which the Kremlin would outline, now that the West German elections were over.

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